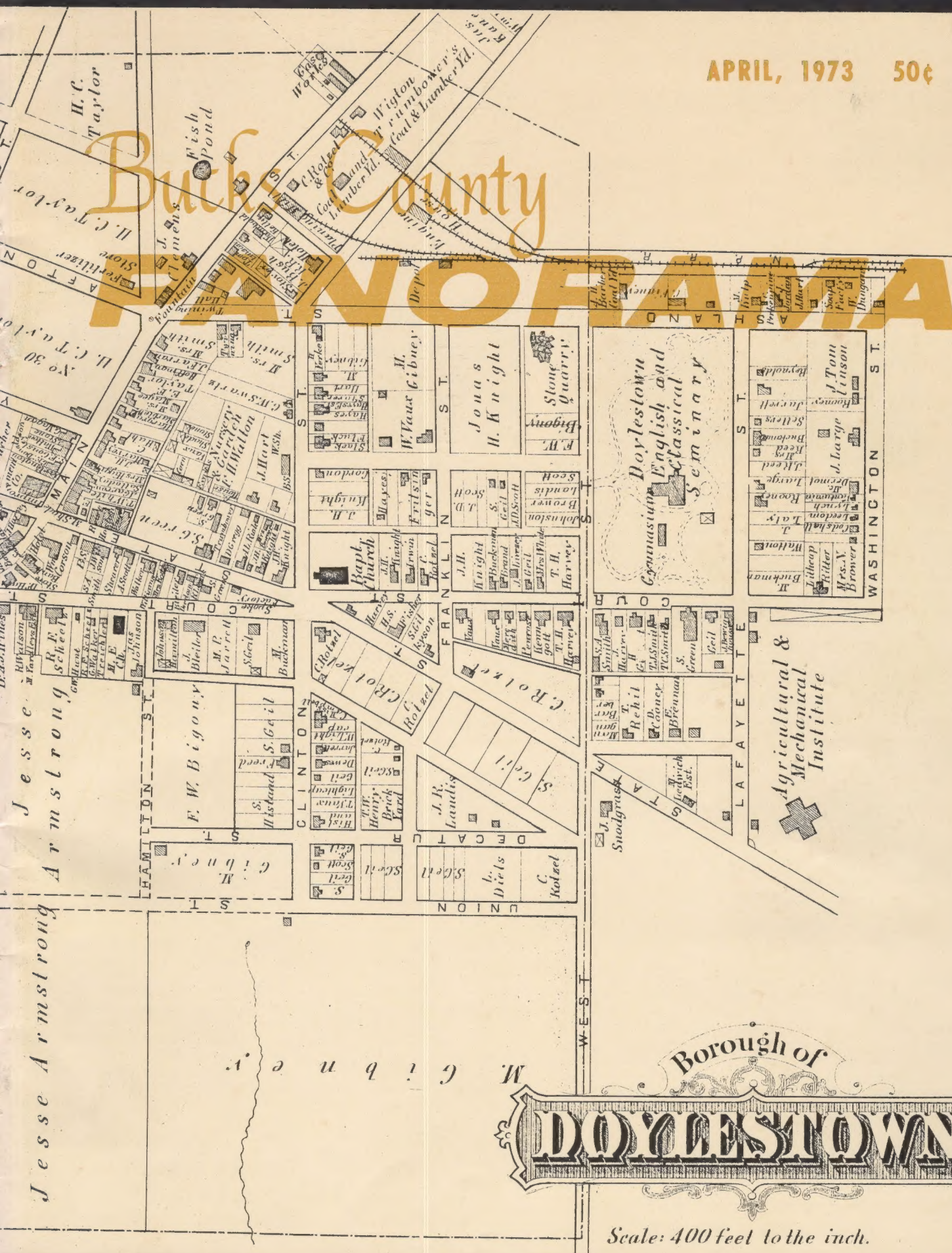


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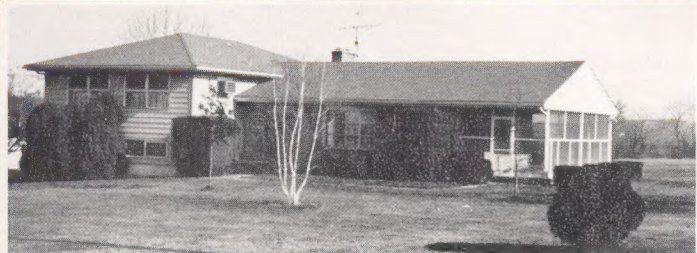
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ON THE COVER: The Borough of Doylestown as found in the Bucks County Centennial Atlas of 1876. There have been some changes since!

For reprints of this map, suitable for framing, see *Panorama* offer on page 22.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Courtesy of the Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission

APRIL, 1973

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| 1 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Adult Nature Hike, 2 to 3 p.m. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Headquarters Bldg. |
| 1 - 8 | NEW HOPE — Bucks County Playhouse will be presenting "The Girl Who Has Everything", instead of the World Premiere of "Overnight" which has been postponed until summer. Curtain 8:30 p.m., Matinees 2 p.m. on Sat. Other times by reservations. For information and tickets write the Playhouse, New Hope, P. 18938, or call 862-2041. |
| 2 - 6 | SOUTHAMPTON — Churchville Outdoor Education Center will begin their Spring Children's Clubs, 4 to 12 years old, 7 p.m. For information call 357-4005. |
| 4, 11, 18, 25 | SOUTHAMPTON — Churchville Outdoor Education Center will present an Adult Bird Course, 8 p.m. Fee \$5.00. For information call 357-4005. |
| 5, 12, 19, 26 | BRISTOL — Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center will have an Ecology Club, 7 p.m. at the Center on Bath Road. For information call 785-1177. |
| 7 | HOLICONG — Pro Musica Society will present a concert in the Central Bucks High School East Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at door. |
| 7 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Children's Nature Walk, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Headquarters Bldg. |
| 7 and 14 | DOYLESTOWN — Delaware Valley College, Route 202, will present the second and third sessions of a Beekeeping Short Course, (first session March 31st) in Mandell Hall Auditorium. Reservations should be made in advance \$15.00 for three sessions. Write to the College for an application or phone 345-1500. |
| 7 and 28 | NEWTOWN — Bucks County Community College presents Saturday Night Film Series in the Auditorium of the Library — 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. No charge, but BCCC students and |

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THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF '88

by Lillian Wiley

Monday, March 12, 1888, was a memorable day for the citizens of Doylestown and surrounding communities. But on that Sunday afternoon, when first they saw the gathering clouds, no one was aware of their ominous portent. After the short days and long nights of winter they were eagerly thumbing their seed catalogs and wistfully watching for the first crocus to herald the approach of Spring. The encroaching storm had darkened the sky almost obliterating the outline of the roof tops in their familiar setting. Members of the community, who attended the Sunday evening church services, pulled their coat collars high about their necks and hurried to the warmth and welcome of their own fireside.

As they awoke, Monday morning, from a night filled with the rushing sounds of heavy winds, intensified by gusts that shook them in their beds, they found huge snowdrifts that engulfed and isolated their homes from their neighbors. Every street, alley and roadway was blocked, creating a complete embargo on all travel. The average Doylestown man took an uncommon interest in his family circle Monday morning, while some family members eyed the diminishing pile in the woodbox with a bit of chagrin.

Doylestown's Western Union telegraph operator ensconced in his cozy nook in the "Fountain House" was unable to send communications because of fallen wires, but some telephone lines were open, and the word in all directions was SNOW.

Business was at a standstill on Monday, although there were some hardy souls who ventured forth, trying to fulfill their obligations. Enos Weiss, a Doylestown baker attempted to reach the Almshouse with a load of bread, but was forced to abandon his wagon on the road at the "Turk" near Edison and returned home with his horse. One man, an employee of the Sheetz and Co. store, a well known

establishment on the corner of Court and Pine Streets in Doylestown, floundered in snow 10 feet deep trying to reach his home on Hamilton Street about two blocks away. Only one woman was seen about town on Monday afternoon, Miss Emma Smith of Harvey Avenue, who declared later, that she hadn't had "so much fun since I was a little girl."

Although the March term of Court was to begin Monday morning there wasn't the slightest indication that there was such an institution as a Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County. Presiding Judge Yerkes, whose home was on Court Street, had a drift so huge in front of his house that the method of removal was debatable, to make a cut or to tunnel. Large drifts lay in front of every lawyer's, witness' and juryman's house alike.

At noon the storm was raging more fiercely than at any time since it started. State Street presented a scene of desolation, wires and tree limbs were strewn across sidewalks and lawns, and the bustling busy little Doylestown somewhat resembled a deserted village. The friendly lamplighter was unable to make his rounds because of the deep snow, and the children watched in vain for his familiar figure, carrying the unique lamplighter's ladder. They also missed his cheery whistle as he turned to wave at his appreciative audience, but the lamps stayed dark until paths were shoveled.

Very little business was done in Doylestown the first few days after the storm; every one was busy digging out. The storekeepers reported that they had no occasion to make any bank deposits on sales.

Friday's edition of the Bucks County Intelligencer was lengthy with highlights of the storm. However, there was no glaring headline to do it justice, simply at the top of column 3, the words "A Big Snowfall". Reports had come trickling in to the paper of the

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you can't tell a book dealer by his cover

BY PAUL SARGENT

Photographs by Richard C. Lloyd

About fifteen years ago a Sergeant from the Pennsylvania State Police barracks in Quakertown found himself in a rather tight situation. He and a trooper had responded to a call that sounds had been heard coming from a supposedly empty house near Silverdale. The two men went to different sides of the house to investigate. The twenty-two year veteran of the force stood at the bottom of a winding staircase. He had his .38 snub-nosed revolver in his hand and the rather chilling suspicion that someone was up on the second floor, quietly waiting. He climbed the stairs slowly. In a few moments he was facing a rifle held by a thin, nervous-looking young man. They stood looking at each other until the officer suggested that the housebreaker point his rifle down at the floor. When it was no longer pointed at him, the Sergeant, John P. Mitchell, seized the rifle by the barrel and pulled it out of the man's grasp.

That wasn't a routine day for John Mitchell, even in a police career that spanned twenty-five years from 1936, when he enlisted as a trooper for \$1080 a year, to 1961 when he retired as a Sergeant. He rode Pennsylvania's highways on a motorcycle from 1936 to 1939. He married Mrs. Mitchell on ninety dollars a month and, when transferred to Doylestown in 1941, he was required to live in the barracks during the week and only allowed to visit his wife on weekends. During the war he investigated subversive activities in Bucks County.

In his spare time John Mitchell was an avid reader; his favorite subjects: the Old West and the America of the Civil War years. His interest in these times grew until he had a basementful of old books. Soon he was trading through the mail and his hobby turned profitable.

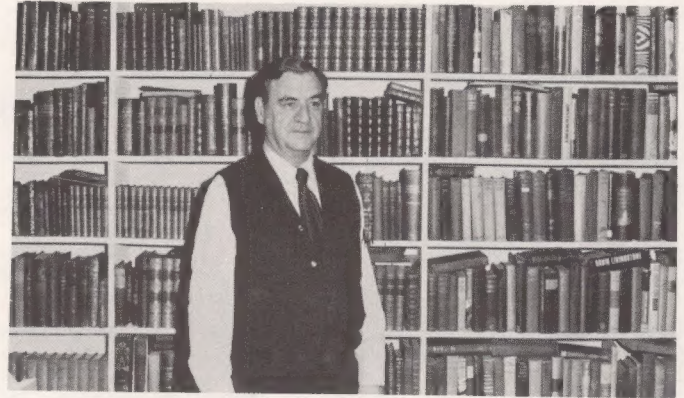
Now John Mitchell has a house-and-a-half of books on North Main Street in Doylestown. Appropriately enough the old books are in an old house. The rooms are high-ceilinged with interesting alcoves. On the porch are some paperbacks, hardcovers and National



Geographics that can be bought on the honor system. Almost everyone has some National Geographics but here are issues from the '20s and '30s. The magazine of this era has begun to accumulate some of the quaintness of a turn-of-the-century Sears Roebuck catalogue.

If you stand on the porch and look through the glass in the front door you can see the whole length of the ground floor back to the proprietor's counter-top and adding-machine and usually the proprietor. John P. Mitchell is a big, bluff man who likes to have a cigar stuck in his mouth. This brings us to another business that he operates. Literally, on the side. The office of the Mitchell Detective Agency is reached through a side entrance to the house. The agency handles security for many local businesses, employing twenty or thirty men as guards. John Mitchell himself has handled quite a few investigations since he went into the business (prompting one newspaper that carried an article about him to title it "Private Eye Uses Book Shop As Front"). However, the addictive nature of collecting old books is such that it is probably as accurate to say "Book Collector Uses Detective Agency As Front."

There are a lot of books in the shop, somewhere around 10,000 and also enough old prints, engravings and maps to cover a lot of walls. If you have been looking for a copy of "I Married A Dinosaur" Mitchell has it as well as such classics as Mahan's "Life of Nelson" or a first edition of T. S. Eliot's "Poems, 1909-1925". If you like whodunits you can start or enlarge a collection of "Nero Wolfe" or "The Saint" novels. At one time Mitchell had a copy of the first Bible printed in America, one of only fifty known to exist, one of three books purchased from a private owner. At the opposite end of the scale was the opportunity to purchase all the books from a section of shelves at Leary's in Philadelphia when the contents of that great bookstore were auctioned off, and bought, practically sight unseen.



At another auction, John Mitchell, then a State Trooper, was outbid on a case of Civil War books including the kind that he likes the most: regimental histories. Someone else had bid sixty dollars and it was just a little too much. After the sale he approached the successful bidder and asked him if he would consider parting with a couple of the books, which were duplicate copies of others on the shelves. The other man said something like: "The books? I don't want them. I was after the bookcase. What will you give me for them?" Book dealers like doing business with people like that and Mitchell got all of the books for twenty dollars!

One Friday evening in 1967 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell sat in a restaurant in Doylestown eating dinner. While waiting for the meal John was reading a newspaper story of a spectacular multiple murder on a farm near Silverdale. An elderly man, his semi-invalid wife and their eleven-year-old grandson had been shot repeatedly with a small caliber weapon. Certain aspects of the crime suggested someone out of Mitchell's past, the young man he had talked into lowering his gun some nine years before in the same community of Silverdale. In both cases the man had approached the house on foot and carried a small caliber weapon, a .22 rifle.

The next day Mitchell called a friend in the State Police and suggested that they check up on that man, Ronald Storck. Investigation soon linked Storck to the murders in Silverdale and a nation-wide alert was issued. Storck was arrested by FBI agents in Hawaii and returned to Bucks County for trial. On August 4th, 1971, three years later, Storck received a sentence of three concurrent life terms for the triple slaying. John Mitchell's alertness and initiative had a lot to do with catching Ronald Storck, who fifteen years ago came close to obliterating a good used-book store before it ever got started.

This year, to stay active, John Mitchell is going to do something that he certainly is well qualified for: campaign for the office of Sheriff of Bucks County. ■

The College that GROWS

by Barbara J. Hymowitz



In this day and age why would anyone want to go to a college that concentrates strictly on the agricultural sciences? Is it easier than going to a liberal arts college or is it due to this generation's aim to save the earth?

Neither of these reasons is what attracts students to Delaware Valley College (DVC), the 76-year-old "National Farm School," in Doylestown.

It was founded in 1896 by Dr. Joseph Krauskoph, senior rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation in Philadelphia. Krauskoph opened the school to make it possible for young people in the city to learn farming and adapt themselves to the healthful life of rural communities. His aims were to foster love of country life, promote education, develop rural leadership, and strengthen students' confidence in themselves and their work.


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AMERICA'S ATTIC

by H. Winthrop Blackburn



History generally concerns itself with governments; the people involved being only that minute portion of the population that establishes the policies and enacts the laws that govern the lives of the multitudes. It took quite a while for historians to concern themselves with the 95 percent of the people who are the governed rather than the governors, and it is not stretching a point to assign to Doylestown the singular honor of being the birthplace of "People History."

The Bucks County Historical Society's Mercer Museum is a monument to "People History." The Tools of the Nation Maker, the name given to this unusual collection by Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer, represents America's, and perhaps the world's, finest and first systematic collection of the everyday tools and implements used by people before the machine age. The initial collection and the motivating idea behind it were products of the fertile imagination of Dr. Mercer, Doylestown's renaissance man; layer, archaeologist, anthropologist, historian, and architect.

People today like to rummage through Bucks County's antique shops and attend country auctions looking for rare treasures. Dr. Mercer was a rummager too. Back in the 1890s he happened to be looking for a pair of fireplace tongs and visited a friend who was a great buyer of odds and ends (You can still see people like that at the Brown Brothers auctions). The friend happened to have several outbuildings around his house and had accumulated a truly impressive collection of wagons, salt boxes, flax brakes, straw bee hives, tin dinner horns, rope machines, spinning wheels, etc. Dr. Mercer was later to explain that seeing this wide variety of material en masse, he was struck with the opportunity it provided for presenting history from another point of view, that of human hands.

Dr. Mercer bought the junk collection from his friend and moved it to a shed in back of his house. He sorted, catalogued, selectively shopped around for additions, and in July 1897 he was prepared for the initial public display. The Bucks County Historical Society, of which Dr. Mercer was a founder, had scheduled an outdoor meeting. The seeds of today's Mercer Museum collection were hung from trees, draped across bushes, and otherwise displayed in the woods when the rains came; before Dr. Mercer had a chance to deliver his paper. It was not until October of that year, in the rather unusual setting of a court room, that the members of the Society were introduced to the Tools of the Nation Maker and to a new branch of historical study.

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THE CULPRIT MINA

by Wendy Beale

On June 21, 1832, more than 10,000 people crowded into a field near Bridge Point (now Edison), Bucks County, to watch the hanging of Lino Amalia Espos y Mina. This public execution, the last ever in Bucks County, brought to a close a sensational murder case involving one of the more colorful men ever to visit the area. "The culprit Mina," as the *United States Gazette* called him, was the central figure in the Chapman case of 1831-1832.

Dr. William Chapman, the director of a school for stammerers in Andalusia, became ill on June 17, 1831, and died on June 23. He was buried at All Saints Episcopal Church, Torresdale. Ten days later his widow, Lucretia, married a young man known as Lino Mina.

Mina had come to live with the Chapmans on June 9. He said he was the son of the governor of Lower California, Mexico, and he was on his way to visit Joseph Bonaparte, a former king of Spain who lived in New Jersey. He had been refused lodging at a nearby inn, so the Chapmans invited him to stay with them.

Although Mrs. Chapman's hasty marriage caused some raised eyebrows and some rumors of foul play, no action was taken until September, when Dr. Chapman's body was dug up. By then, Mina and his wife had left town.

The fact that the body was perfectly preserved was considered proof that Dr. Chapman had died from arsenic poisoning. A Philadelphia shop keeper remembered that Mina had come into his store to buy arsenic on June 16, the day before Dr. Chapman became ill. An autopsy was done on the body, and murder charges were brought against Mina and his wife.

Mrs. Mina was found in Erie working as a governess. Mina was found in Boston. Both were brought back to Doylestown and were imprisoned there in October, 1831.

A few days after he was put in jail, Mina escaped by burning a hole through the floor of his cell and breaking down the prison gate with an ax. Another prisoner who escaped with Mina was captured, but Mina eluded the police. A \$40 reward was offered for his arrest. He was finally caught in Hilltown when he tried to buy a pair of shoes. The shop keeper recognized him and turned him in.

Lino Mina and Lucretia Chapman Mina were tried for murder separately. Mrs. Mina came to trial first, in

February of 1832. Peter McCall and David Paul Brown of Philadelphia were her attorneys. William B. Reed of Philadelphia and Bucks County's attorney general, Thomas Ross, prosecuted the case. The courtroom was packed for the trial.

It had been rumored that Mrs. Mina had been connected with counterfeiters before her marriage to Dr. Chapman, but this was never proved at the trial. In an emotional speech to the jury, Brown asked that his client be found "not guilty" because she was a woman, a wife and the mother of five children. His summation indicated that no arsenic had been found in Dr. Chapman's body. The exact moment he was supposed to have been given the arsenic had never been established either. It was thought that some arsenic had been present in a bowl of soup. The soup had been thrown out into the yard after Dr. Chapman had eaten what he could; the next day, a whole flock of ducklings died, supposedly from drinking the soup. But one of the Chapman daughters testified that she had eaten some of the soup too.

Brown painted Mrs. Mina as a distressed mother who believed she was obeying her husband's last wish by marrying Mina. But Mina sold most of his wife's possessions and spend her money and the money given him by Dr. Chapman on trips to Washington, D.C., with other women. Brown believed that Mina had murdered Dr. Chapman without his wife's knowledge, and he told the jury, "If (guilty) be your terrible decree, let the ax fall; consign her to an ignominious grave and her children to pitiless orphanage. Return then to your domestic circle (and) tell them that . . . you have consigned a mother to a timeless grave, and her children to endless ruin . . ."

The jury was persuaded either by Brown's speech or by the lack of evidence. Perhaps it was both. After only two hours, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Mina did not fare as well as his wife had when he came to trial before a crowded courtroom in April of 1832. Samuel Rush of Philadelphia and Eleazer T. McDowell of Doylestown, his defense attorneys, could not convince the jury that Mina was innocent. The trial revealed little other than Lino Amalia Espos y Mina, also known as Celestine Armentatius, was the son of a Venezuelan official. One account of the trial says that he had been released from prison only a

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Saint Mary's Hospital — Vincent J. Kling and Associates, Architects — Lawrence S. Williams, Inc., Photography.

The City of Healing

by John Crowley

On October 18, 1970, ground was broken for Saint Mary Hospital on a 56-acre site in Middletown Township. Two years and four months later, on February 10 and 11, 1973, Bucks County's newest community hospital was dedicated and blessed, and admitted its first patients on February 21.

This 156-bed hospital, with ancillary facilities for enlargement to 250 beds, is built a quarter-mile back from Route 413, midway between Newtown and Langhorne on the former Buena Vista estate, across from Neshaminy Junior High School and adjoining Core Creek Park. With Lower Bucks and Delaware Valley Hospitals to its south in Bristol, Doylestown Hospital to the north, and Sellersville's Grand View Hospital and the Quakertown Community Hospital further northwest, Saint Mary's becomes the sixth hospital to serve Bucks County's fast-growing population.

His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia, presided at the blessing of Saint Mary Hospital in February and was the principal celebrant of the dedication mass in the Chapel of Saint Mary.

Pennsylvania State Senator Edward L. Howard was the speaker at the civic dedication. Eric G. Curtis, headmaster of George School, gave the invocation; Rev. William J. Becker, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Newtown, blessed the cornerstone; and Rabbi Laurence H. Rubenstein, of Temple Shalom in Levittown, gave the benediction.

Saint Mary Hospital is owned and conducted by The Sisters of St. Francis, whose Philadelphia Province was founded in 1855 by Mrs. Anna Bachman and the Blessed John Neumann, fourth Roman Catholic Bishop of Philadelphia. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Bachman, the mother



Newtown business leader and president of the hospital Advisory Board, Edwin T. Johnson welcomes distinguished guests at the Civic Dedication which began the three day observance of the opening of Saint Mary's. Architect Vincent J. Kling is seated in the foreground.

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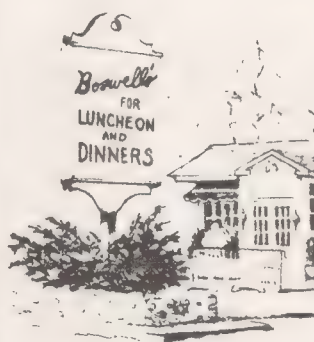
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events of the past week that would be remembered a long time after in the annals of family history. Many attempts had been made to get to town; five or six wagons were left standing in the pike between the Cross Keys and Doylestown. Two jurors had tried to get in to Court, only to have their horse flounder on Carr's hill in Plumstead, in a drift as high as its back.

Seven or eight trains were stuck between Lansdale and Bethlehem and no mail was expected for several days. The snow plow on the Doylestown Branch was frozen fast and the workmen sent from Lansdale on the gravel train were unable to get home. They slept in the depot and in the cars. An arrangement was made with Mr. Weisel, proprietor of the Railroad House on South Clinton street below Ashland, to feed them until the road was open.

It's the little every day necessities that are missed like water and bread and milk. The Pine Run Creamery reported that they had not received a can of milk since the Sunday before the storm. A man in Doylestown was so desperate he offered 25 cents for a quart of milk on Tuesday morning. However the milk shortage was somewhat relieved by the Gunagan brother, who walked out into the country and returned with about 90 quarts to supply some of their customers. Not to be outdone, three Doylestown boys, John Price, Joe Swartzlander (the late Dr. Joe) and Harry Kelly bought 30 quarts from a farmer, living about a mile from Doylestown, on Wednesday. The boys peddled it about town until they were sold out, which didn't take too long.

Since early times, man has relied on animals for companionship, sport, food, and sometimes for his very life. No friend could have given more than the large gray horse belonging to Tobias Shelly, of Buckingham, who died of a ruptured blood vessel while plunging through the snow drifts on the way to the Cold Spring Creamery.

Dr. Price, veterinarian, and Cecil Haldeman of Danboro reported passing eight men shoveling snow between the toll gate at Pool's Corner and Doylestown on Wednesday morning as they traveled to Mechanics Valley going through fields most of the way.

The enormity of the storm was best described by the inhabitants of the toll gate at Centerville, who used the second story window as a door, because the snow had drifted that high around their house.

While the snow storm caused many hardships, including a delayed burial at the Doylestown cemetery, there were many good memories of family sharing, and a closeness born of necessity.





THE QUESTERS OF FONT HILL

The Quester chapter of Doylestown was organized on May 10, 1966 through the efforts of Mrs. William Bardens of Fort Washington and Mrs. J. Richard Dyer of Doylestown.

Doylestown was an ideal spot for the group since the area is so rich in history. The purpose of the Questers, to create the desire to study and appreciate antiques and all objects of art and to delve into their historical beginnings, appealed to a group of volunteer workers at the Mercer Museum.

The new group selected the name Questers of Font Hill to honor Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer who had lived at Fonthill. He is well known for his contributions to Doylestown including building the Tile Works in 1912 and building the Mercer Museum in 1916.

The Questers of Font Hill rolled along at high speed with interesting program studies in antique jewelry, china, glass, pewter, clocks and other heirlooms. Field trips to colonial homes and important historical places added to their pleasures. Other people in the community became so interested in their activities and were eager to become Questers.

The Abigail Adams Chapter was chartered in 1967, a split-off from the Font Hill Chapter. Each chapter has continued to keep a keen interest in studies and entertaining newer chapters in the community to promote good fellowship.

It is the purpose of the Questers to give each member the realization that our forebears were part of a glorious past, and that we must carry their tradition on into the future. The Questers of Font Hill go forward enthusiastically with the Quester motto — "It's Fun to Search and a Joy to Find." ■



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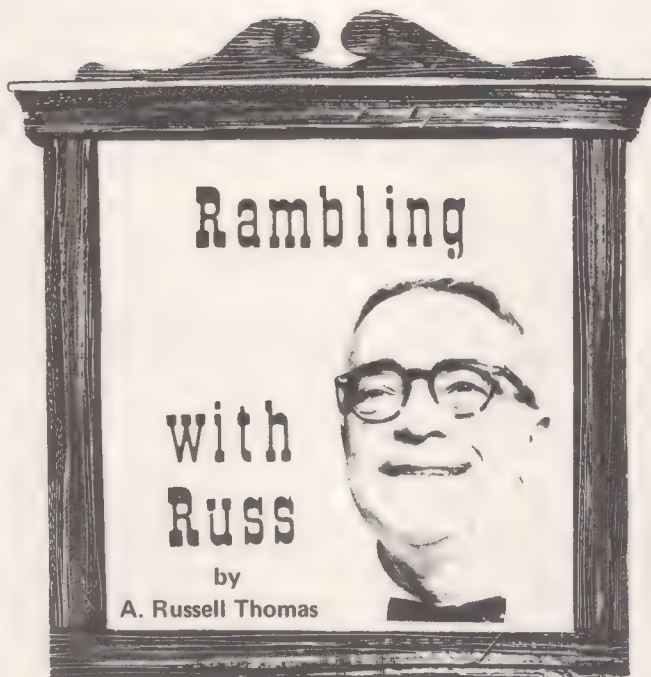
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ENJOYABLE HOSPITAL VISIT: Thanks to the PANORAMA editors for allowing me to use this column to thank the wonderful staff of nurses, doctors and the administrative staff of the Doylestown Hospital for making my recent surgical visit there so enjoyable and satisfactory. It was the first time I was ever operated on by a Coroner, who happens to be the very skillful surgeon, Dr. Stanley L. Goodwin. On this occasion, I'm happy to report Surgeon Goodwin did not have to enter the operating room as coroner. The hospital stay also included visits from two other well known surgeons, Dr. Zachary A. Simpson and Dr. William E. Monteith, Jr. The hospitalization and surgical care was pre-arranged by my family physician and long-time friend, Dr. C. Clifford Laudenslager. While the hospital orchids are being tossed, here's one for Dr. Jaromir Marik, the very efficient administrator of the Doylestown Hospital. It is this Rambler's wish that the entire Doylestown Hospital staff and the Village Improvement Association will have the full-hearted community support in the forthcoming financial campaign to be launched on behalf of our new hospital to be erected very soon.

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SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS: This Rambler's best news of the month arrived while I was recuperating in the hospital. It happened to be the

announcement of the election of former Bucks County Judge William M. Power to the presidency of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The former distinguished jurist will lead the PBA to new heights in 1973, of that I'm certain. He has already made an excellent start. As an active sports editor for many years, Bill Power was my favorite when a good story was needed. The American Bar Association will surely be watching the year 1973 as Bill Power leads to Pennsylvania Bar Association. Let's put it this way: "More POWER to Bill in '73."

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LOYAL PAL RETIRED: After many years of faithful and efficient service, Franklin Tettermor of Warrington, has retired as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Bucks County. Frank was always cooperative with the news media and he was very helpful to the members of the Bar. Here's hoping that Frank's successor, Gus Wackerman, will be just as good an operator. Sorry I could not make your testimonial dinner, Frank, but I was spending that time in the hospital, preparing for my return home.

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SUPPORT YOUR FIRE COMPANY: If ever an outfit is worthy of praise and community support it is the Doylestown Fire Company. They recently had a major assignment when fire destroyed the old Doylestown Borough School building that was used more recently as the Bucks County Administration Building Annex for storage of court records and for a few miscellaneous offices. After fighting a stubborn fire for hours, and most of a night, the firemen and their Auxiliary members served several thousand men, women and children at the annual Pancake affair in the Fire House the next morning. The firemen deserve anything they want. Doylestown and vicinity are fortunate to have the local company and so many cooperating companies nearby.

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MY DIARY, JUNE-JULY, 1919: Five large trucks took us from Camp Pontanezen to Dock No. 5, at Brest (France), where we embarked on a small "Lighter" and headed out into the harbor and embarked on the "U.S.S. Pretoria," for the United States, God's Country, the good old U.S.A. President Wilson left the same day abroad the "George Washington." . . . The Pretoria left Brest Harbor for America (a 12-knot boat) and a 13-day trip home. The Bay, as usual, was very rough and many men were sick but "yours truly" stood it like a veteran. . . . July 1 (1919), The Bay of Biscay, at sea, 400 miles off the coast of France. The old Pretoria is

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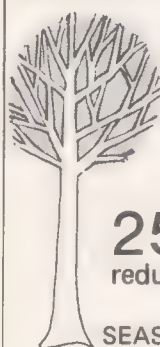
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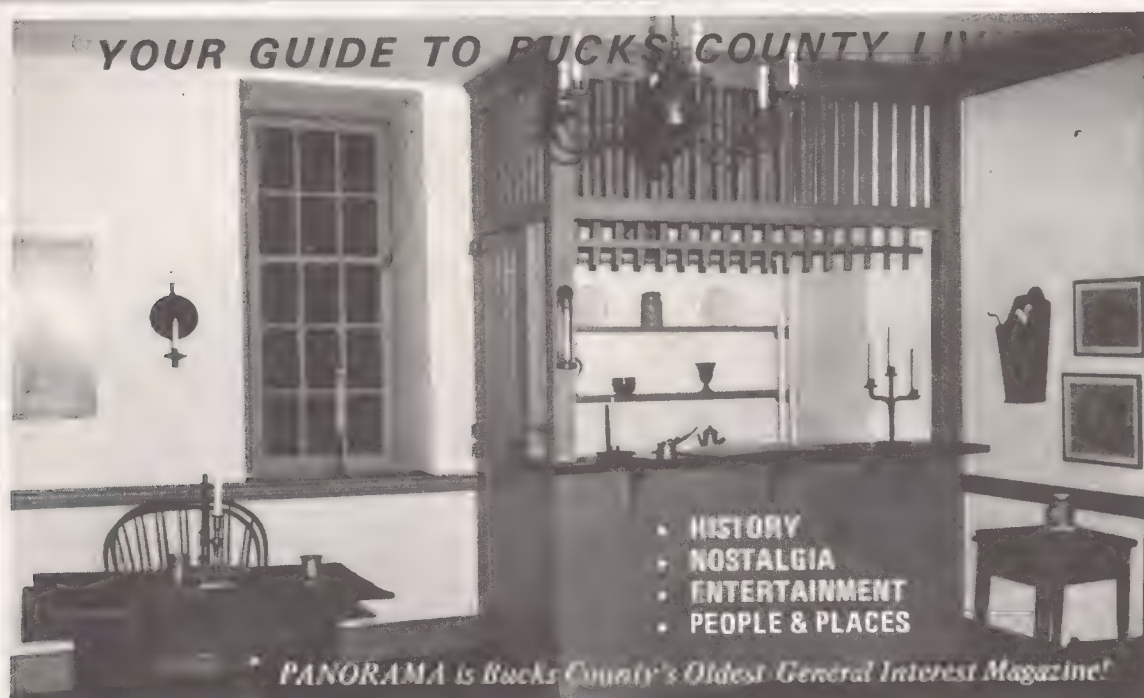
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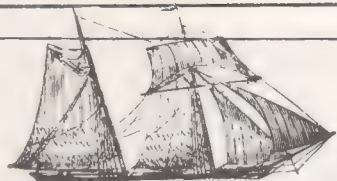
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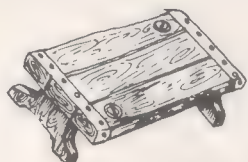






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FRIENDS
by Sheila Martin

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mr. Jones' class in Bucks County History at William Tennant High School recently. I understand that this is the only such course being offered at the high school level in the county and I hope other schools will follow William Tennant's lead. It was a great experience talking to these students who were discovering their county's history. *Panorama* hopes that some of these history students will share their research with our readers.

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The doors of historical Parry Mansion in New Hope are open to the public.

The New Hope Historical Society will reopen the mansion on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. through the spring and summer months.

Hostesses will be needed at these hours. If any members or friends of the Society are willing to help, please call Mrs. Anthony Evans (862-2105) and let her know the hours that you are available.

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The Friends of the Warminster Township Free Library invite residents of the township and surrounding communities to submit designs for a seal for the library.

There is no limit placed on the number of entries which each designer may submit.

All entries must be submitted by April 14. The name, address and telephone number of the designer should be clearly marked on the back of the entry.

Entries may be mailed or brought to the Warminster Township Free Library, Township Building, Henry and Gibson Avenues, Warminster, 18974.

The design should be composed on a sheet not less than 8 by 10 inches. The date of the establishment of the library, 1960, should appear on the design.

The designer may wish to include elements of the Warminster Township seal, although this is not a necessary condition.

Notification to those designers whose entries have been selected for display in the library will be made on May 1.

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The Central Bucks-Cross Keys Lodge 2271, Sons of Italy Lodge is a newly formed organization on the lookout for members. To qualify you must be of Italian heritage or be married to an Italian. Anyone interested may contact Dominic Ventresca, Chalfont; William Picciotti, Wycombe; or Joseph Ciccone, Weisel. Also recently formed in Bucks County is the Michelangelo Sons of Italy Lodge in Southampton.

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Kate C. Morris of Newtown is having her "WHO CAN WHISTLE and why?" comedy-drama produced at Phillips Mill, April 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28. She lives on a farm outside of Newtown, has raised a bundle of



Ray Mills, left, president of Ray Mills Chevrolet, Inc., Doylestown, receives a plaque honoring him as one of only 64 out of more than 22,000 new car dealers in the entire nation who won the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award for 1973.

children and has been fooling around with pencil and paper since she can remember. She has also been in movies, published verse, cut records, been a member of the cast at the New Hope Playhouse and rubbed elbows with some of the theatre greats including Liza Minnelli, John Wayne and John Houston.

Jennifer S. Smith has written the music for this amusing three-act play. She lives in Newtown but has traveled extensively as an entertainer, joined Ed Sullivan in a cerebral palsy benefit in New York and is a former Miss Bucks County.

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Ray Mills, president of Ray Mills Chevrolet, Inc., of Doylestown, has been named a Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award winner for 1973.

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From a small beginning of 100 acres, a faculty of two, and a student body of six the National Agricultural College has grown to an accredited state-aided college on 850 acres with 71 faculty members and 1050 students.

Dr. Joshua Feldstein, assistant dean of DVC, explained that the school has not swayed from its original intent. Feldstein, who graduated from the college in 1939, said it has expanded its curriculum with the changing times.

"We have added business administration, biology, and chemistry," he said, "because they are the fields that apply to the expanding business of agriculture."

Feldstein stressed that the opportunities in agriculture and allied industries are available to those who graduate from DVC due to the practicality of their studies.

"Here we emphasize science with practice," he explained, "Science is meaningless without being applied to the betterment of mankind."

At "Del Val" the student uses the huge greenhouses, numerous nurseries, poultry plants, dairies, and farms owned by the college as practical laboratories.

The school also requires satisfactory work outside the college during the summer with an employer who specializes in the field that the student is majoring in. The student is given credit toward his degree for this work.

"This outside work really helps our graduating seniors get jobs," Robert McClelland, career adviser, said. "It gives seniors an advantage over other students who haven't worked in their chosen field before looking for full-time employment."

McClelland, a 1967 graduate of DVC, finds that the college's small size makes for a more personalized atmosphere than a larger school. He stated that the school carries only an undergraduate program and the professors are there only to teach without the responsibility of doing outside research or publishing.

"The faculty is here to teach, counsel, advise, and help students," he said, "The educational program is designed so that each student can receive personal attention and develop as an individual — one of our founder's original aims."

The school has grown from its original goals to a student body that today includes young women as well as young men. By admitting girls, DVC realized another hope of Krauskoph, to see the institution become co-educational. Due to the lack of money when the school first opened its doors, enrollment

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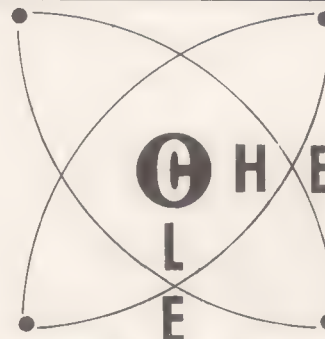
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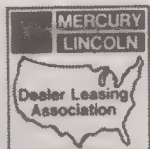
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had to be limited to boys. This year more girls are attending the college than ever before.

Philippa Bowles is a 19-year-old sophomore from Newfoundland, New Jersey. One of 40 girls who live on campus, she found out about DVC in a college handbook and applied because it offered all the science courses needed to later enroll in veterinary school.

"I really like it here," she said. "Academically the school can't be beat."

Jancie Waugh, a 21-year-old junior, who is also from New Jersey, finds the courses challenging and the professors stimulating. She came to DVC after attending a two-year community college.

"I was raised on a farm so I'm used to lots of green fields which this school has plenty of," she said. "Also it's small enough so we can get to know students and teachers more than just casually."

The two roommates, while greatly satisfied with the school academically, agree that the campus needs more outside activities.

"The clubs usually close up due to lack of membership," Miss Waugh said, "and intramural sports are open only to the guys."

While the girls who attend Delaware Valley, 80 in total, agree that they are in the minority in number, they said the guys really don't impress them that much.

"It's really hard to convince the guys that we came up here to get an education and not a husband," Miss Waugh said. "We're here to get a degree the same as they are."

The young men at the school find the girls a welcome addition to the college.

Harry E. Rippenbaum, 21, a senior, said he finds the girls add a homey touch to the campus.

"I always liked the school a lot," he said, "but with girls going here I like it even better."

The Student Government president, Murry Klein, a 23-year-old senior, said the girls help boost the morale of the school a lot.

Klein came to DVC after attending Temple University for one year because he wanted a small college near Philadelphia where he could concentrate on biology. He fed this information through a computer that suggested DVC.

"Here I get a personalized education from a faculty that's easy to talk with," he said. "I won't say the school's perfect, but it has great potential."

After 76 years, Dr. Krauskoph would have probably liked to hear that a school founded on a dream still has "great potential" in this day and age. ■

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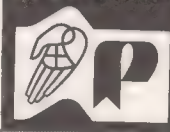
The collection, although relatively modest, represented all phases of early American life and was displayed in functional groupings. In his introductory paper the collector pointed out that many of the objects had been relatively unchanged in thousands of years until the inventive age began in the early 19th century, and noted that there was a "greater difference between our lives and the life of George Washington than between his life and the life of William the Conqueror."

The idea for a new approach to history caught on. The Society, with Dr. Mercer's encouragement, added to the collection and started grinding out papers dealing with open fire cooking, tinder boxes, home spinning, bake ovens, knives, hand mills, etc., etc.

The Tools of the Nation Maker were assembled at perhaps the most fortuitous time. At the turn of the century obsolescence had retired all of the implements of interest, but a basically frugal people, blessed with barns, sheds, and large attics, were reluctant to throw them out. The collection grew and grew until there was no place to put it until, in 1907, the Historical Society found a home for itself and its collection. What is now called the Elkins Building was erected through the generosity of William L. and George W. Elkins and "the Tools" went on permanent display on May 28, 1907. By this time the collection was referred to as forming the basis of a new branch of science, "The Systematic Study of Primitive Trades, Domestic Utensils, and Activities."

Once one is bitten by the collecting bug, quitting is like trying to give up cigarettes. Dr. Mercer and the Society were hopelessly hooked. The Elkins Building was quickly outgrown and the Society faced another space problem until Henry Chapman Mercer applied both his genius and his not inconsiderable assets to effect a permanent solution, the construction of the Mercer Museum. Every unusual feature of this unusual building was designed to display the collection in the most effective functional manner. Every detail of its construction was personally supervised by him. Every item in the collection was catalogued by him and cared for by him until his death.

In 1916 Dr. Mercer presented the new museum to the Society along with his personal archaeological collection. He described The Tools of the Nation Maker as "an ethnological collection representing the tools and utensils of the American pioneer," and stated that history can now be written from the standpoint of objects rather than laws, legislatures, and the proceedings of public assemblies.

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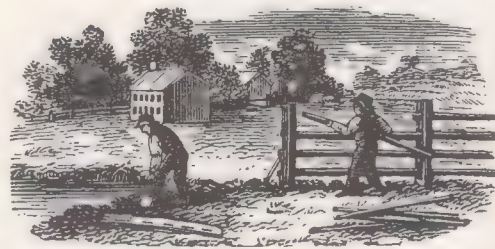
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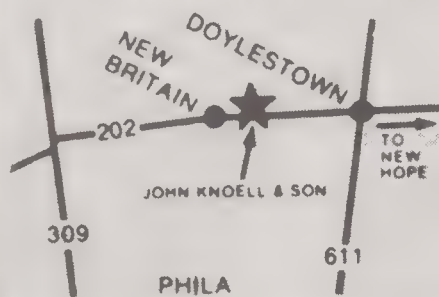
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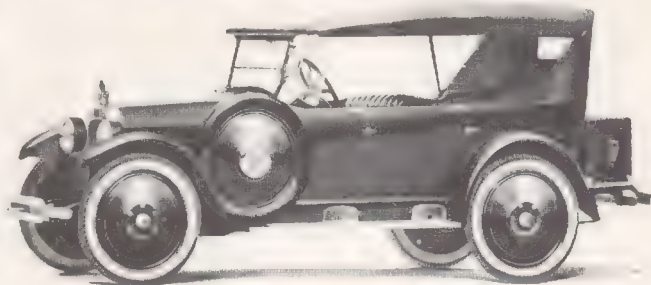
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stevengraphs

by Dorothy A. McFerran

If heroes and heroines, both real and legendary, are your hangup, why not look for Stevengraphs? Oh, you *have* seen Stevengraphs! Ever thumbed through an old volume and found a long forgotten page carefully marked with a colorful bit of silk with a tassel at the bottom? Or admired a colorful picture on someone's wall that turned out to be an embroidered scene of the hunt, or an early Choo Choo train with a smoke stack. Stevengraphs, probably, or reasonable facsimiles made by copy cats either here or in England.

Saw a really marvelous collection on exhibition at the big Antiques and Crafts Show at the Sheraton last month. In addition to Philadelphia Centennial pieces (1876), the lady had a real treasure, the scene depicting Lady Godiva's legendary ride, stark naked, through the streets of Coventry. The citizenry was ordered to pull shades and remain indoors that day. All but one obeyed; Tom peeked! Henceforth, he was known as a "Peeking Tom".

The collector told me she had paid well over \$100.00 for the little silk (about 3 x 5 inches) several years ago. It is a rare one and she did not care to venture a guess as to the current market value. She had gathered the entire collection together in the last four or five years.

Stevengraphs were invented and manufactured by Thomas Stevens of Coventry, England in the year 1862, which was a depression year so far as the silk business was concerned. This was because the beautiful, decorative ribbons he had been making for costume trim were finally imported from France. The market (English) was suddenly flooded with all kinds of cheap, novel imports.

Stevens started with short, silk bookmarks featuring a silk tassel. Some carried Holiday greetings, things like Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday,

Easter, etc. They were seized upon as cheap, colorful, and acceptable little gifts. The inventive Englishman never ran out of motifs. Stevengraphs can be found with portraits of American Presidents from George Washington (Phila. Centennial 1876) to Grover Cleveland. Generals, too were honored, Stonewall Jackson and General Grant among them.

Literary Stevengraphs cover the field from Shakespeare to Mother Goose, from the Bible to Greek Mythology (Leda and the Swan). By 1878-79, Stevens was doing a brisk business in silk wall pictures. These included scenes of local interest; London & York Royal Mail Coach and Dick Turpin's ride to York. Among the most sought after, are his sporting scenes which depict the hunt, boat races, bicycle races and cricket matches.

Like all successful manufacturers, Stevens had his imitators. Every Victorian silk bookmarker is now loosely referred to as a Stevengraph. One copy cat, who outdid Stevens in some respects, was the W. H. Grant & Co. founded in the 1880's. He exhibited at the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition and produced silk woven postcards depicting views of the show itself (and other local subjects) which sold like hot cakes right on the spot!

An American imitator was the B. B. Tilt & Sons Company of Patterson, N.J. They usually marked their wares. While all types of silk bookmarks, pictures, postcards, etc., are interesting collectibles, only the pieces marked Thomas Stevens Sole Inventor & Manufacturer Coventry (or London) are authentic and original. Philadelphia Centennial souvenir pieces are bringing premium prices now and will go higher as the big celebration approaches. My guess would be that right now you may pick one up in the neighborhood of \$50.00, and sell it for a good profit later on.

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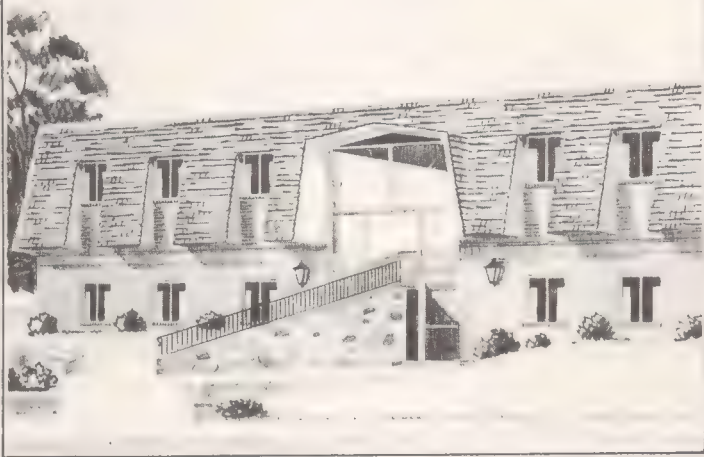
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short time before he appeared at the Chapman's home. But it never became clear how or when Dr. Chapman was poisoned, or whether he really had been poisoned. The jury found Mina guilty, nevertheless, and he was sentenced to be hanged.

Mina had yet to reach the peak of his flamboyant career. His hasty marriage, his daring escape from prison and his conviction were not quite enough. Sheriff Benjamin Morris, perhaps expecting trouble from the exotic character or the crowds he was sure to draw, called out the militia to be present at the execution.

Twenty companies of Bucks County militia, plus several companies from neighboring Lehigh and Montgomery Counties, gathered at Doylestown. It was the first time since the Revolution that so many military men had been present in Bucks County. Many of the militia men marched to the almshouse to accompany Mina to the gallows; the rest went to the field to keep the crowd under control.

Early on the morning of June 21, 1832, Mina called a barber to the almshouse. The barber shaved him and, according to the *United States Gazette*, "dressed his hair in a fashionable style. He wore a handsome new black frock coat, black vest, and light pantaloons, and black hat." He rode from the Doylestown almshouse to Bridge Point in a Dearborn wagon with a noose around his neck. Morris and a priest rode with him.

"There was no fear of death in the man," the *Gazette* reported, when the death warrant was read. Mina appeared at ease throughout the morning. He spoke with the priest and McCowell, his attorney, and the sheriff. He asked for a drink and was given a pitcher of water from a nearby stream. The crowd pressed forward as Mina began shaking hands with many of them.

"At half past 11 AM," the *Gazette* said, "the drop fell from under him and Mina was launched into eternity." He was buried in the woods near the almshouse.

But Mina's colorful career was not quite over. It was not uncommon for doctors to perform experiments on bodies that had not been given "proper" burials. Mina's body was dug up by doctors who were trying to bring the dead back to life with a galvanic battery. The experiment failed, of course, and the body finally came into possession of local doctors. What happened to it after that is not known, but the escapades of "the culprit Mina" were over at last.

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of four children, devoted her life to the care of the sick and poor in their homes. In 1860, Mother Francis Bachman founded the first St. Mary Hospital at Fourth Street and Girard Avenue. The original health care center had fifteen beds and the patients were visited daily by a dedicated Quaker physician who accepted no remuneration for his services. In 1864, the hospital was relocated to its present site at Frankford Avenue and Palmer Street, where it continues today as the Philadelphia Division of Saint Mary Hospital.

Saint Mary Hospital, Langhorne, has been established in the Franciscan tradition and trust of serving where a need exists. The need for Bucks County's new community hospital in one of the most rapidly growing sections of Southeastern Pennsylvania was identified by the Hospital Survey Committee in 1966. Saint Mary's has been fully endorsed by the Committee as a high priority project since that time.

To help finance the building, Saint Mary Hospital embarked on its first fund-raising effort with a community goal of \$1,500,000. Saint Mary's friends responded so generously that \$1,100,000 has been contributed or pledged so far. Now that the hospital is open, it is earnestly hoped that the remaining \$400,000 will be raised this spring and summer so that the necessary goal will be reached prior to the third anniversary of the ground-breaking in October.

Saint Mary Hospital has been built by the concern, dedication, and support of many persons. It is truly a community hospital — brought into being by the community and bringing the community together in a common effort.

The Administrator of Saint Mary Hospital is Sister M. Clarence, O.S.F., who was Administrator of St. Mary's in Philadelphia for seven years before being transferred to Bucks County. She is a graduate of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, and has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Villanova University and a Master in Hospital Administration degree from St. Louis University. Sister Clarence is a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators and immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Conference of Catholic Health Care Facilities. She was Director of Nursing Service for two years and Assistant Administrator for four years at St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, and Nurse-Supervisor for five years and Director of Nursing Service for three years at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton prior to her Philadelphia post.

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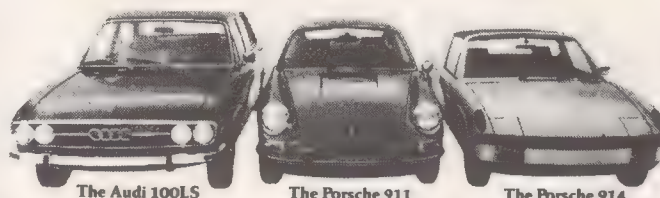
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The Associate Administrator of Saint Mary Hospital is Richard F. Lepping, who was Assistant Administrator and then Associate Administrator of St. Mary's in Philadelphia. A graduate of LaSalle College and a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, he has been closely involved in the planning and financing of the new hospital.

When the hospital opened its doors two months ago, 200 employees, with more than 90% being Bucks County residents, including 85 nurses, were ready to serve. By this winter, personnel plans call for 125 nurses and 175 other employees.

Saint Mary Hospital is an uniquely modern and uniquely functional health care facility. The architects, Vincent G. Kling and Partners, so blended the hospital into its suburban Bucks County site that the result is an artistically designed edifice that reflects warmth and beauty and which inspires and uplifts the spirit.

Saint Mary Hospital is also an outstanding example of the finest construction. The general contractor, the Daniel J. Keating Company, effectively translated the dreams and design of the owner and architect into bricks and mortar.


Drama, design, function, and quality construction are all important ingredients of Saint Mary Hospital. In the years ahead, as Bucks County grows even more, future expansion will include additional beds. Space for enlargement of radiology, laboratories, and surgical services is also provided for in Saint Mary's long-range plans.

Adjoining the hospital is the Saint Mary Medical Office Building, a modern office complex designed to coordinate with the architecture of the hospital, to which it is connected by a covered walk. The facility provides thirty office suites for member of the Medical Staff.

The proximity of the Medical Office Building to the hospital facilitates the referral of patients to the hospital for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. This combination of hospital and medical office building at the same location provides an outstanding medical center for the community.

When Saint Mary Hospital was in the planning stages during the late sixties, the dedicated goal of the Bucks County community founders was "From this ground will rise a City of Healing!" Today, thanks to the efforts and support of so many concerned citizens, and of business and industry, from that ground has risen a City of Healing, Bucks County's newest health care center — Saint Mary Hospital. May it serve well and long!

Books



in REVIEW

AMERICA'S HISTORIC INNS & TAVERNS, by Irvin Haas, Arco Publishing Co., Inc., New York, 1972, 182 pp. \$8.95

Irvin Haas, noted travel writer, has selected some ninety-three inns and taverns throughout the United States as America's finest. The inns are listed geographically and he has designated those which are still used for the wayfaring traveler and those that are restored as museums to the past. Haas gives the historical details of each place and provides a photo along with directions on how to get there should a particular place strike your fancy.

In New England, the *General Wolfe Inn* of New Hampshire appears very inviting. It is a beautiful old rambling farmhouse that was converted to an inn in 1905. The photograph of a typical bedroom with fireplace, beamed ceiling and lovely antique furniture will make you want to visit, particularly in the winter, to wake to burning embers in the fireplace and the sound of sleighbells in the air.

In Massachusetts a meal should be taken at *Longfellow's Wayside Inn*. One hundred and fifty years ago, Longfellow was inspired to write "The Tales of the Wayside Inn" after dining there. . . . "Listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere" . . . the weary traveler can still partake of food and drink today — two hundred and seventy one years after it's opening.

A few Bucks County inns are listed in the Middle Atlantic section of the book. Among them, *The Court Inn* of Newtown, *Old Ferry Inn* of Washington's Crossing and the *Stagecoach Tavern* in Fallsington — all restored as museums. Particularly interesting are some pre-restoration photographs of the tavern in Fallsington.

The *Black Bass Hotel* in Lumberville was a fortified haven for river travelers against the Indians, in the days of its birth . . . then . . . a stagecoach stop between New Hope and Easton. Charles Dickens was one of the many that enjoyed the warmth and

hospitality of the *Black Bass*. Mr. Haas neglected to mention the unusual pewter bar in the hotel and the fascinating collection of old miniature soldiers on display.

For a night of theater and dining, a visit to the *Hanover Tavern* in Virginia is in order. Built in 1723 as an inn and stagecoach stop, you can now dine in an historic tavern while watching a current play.

In Blowing Rock, North Carolina, the oldest resort area in the Southern Appalachians, is the *Springhaven Inn*. A former Tollgate Inn of the Yonahssee Turnpike, it was moved to its present site on the Main Street of town. The furniture in the inn was handmade by mountain craftsmen.

The *Elkhorn Lodge* in Colorado was built in 1874. The photograph used in the book was taken in 1900 — it looked terrific then — if it is still as it was then, nestled alone in the Rocky Mountains — then it is a place worth visiting. Mr. Haas says the "Olde Lodge" is thoroughly restored and many rooms have fireplaces.

In the foothills of the Sierras, in New England style of architecture, is the *Sutter Creek Inn*. The Inn only has nine guest rooms, some with fireplaces and separate sitting rooms. They are all furnished with four poster beds and chintz bedspreads. This appears to be the homiest, most tranquil of the whole collection.

"Inns & Taverns" is a good book as far as it goes. I would have liked to see more about some of the places — I have the feeling that Mr. Haas has not been to each inn which is a shame. A few of the inns reviewed do not have current photographs. In Bucks County alone, there are several old inns and taverns that deserve mention, but were not included, and, as a former resident of California, I can think of several that were neglected there, along with some wonderful old places in Nevada. Hit the road, Mr. Haas, and write volume II! •

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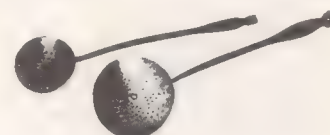
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THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION IN AMERICA, by David S. Lovejoy. Harper & Row, New York, 1972. 396 pp. \$15.00

This revolution is not *the* American Revolution but could be called the *first* American Revolution. The Glorious Revolution of 1688 deposed the despotic Stuarts from the throne once and for all, and Parliament installed Prince William of Orange as Britain's first constitutional monarch.

The revolution struck America, too. After Protestant William III had replaced Catholic James II, American rebels overthrew the governments of New England, New York, and Maryland; governments considered too Catholic and authoritarian for Protestant American tastes. The revolution in America was only partly successful; government did improve, but almost 100 years were to pass before America finally acquired the rights that were so strongly craved.

This is one period of American history that has been largely overlooked. Professor Lovejoy has done an excellent job of ice breaking and it is now up to others to tell us more and put the story in the total American revolutionary context. H.W.B.



HANDS TO WORK, by Marian Klamkin. Dodd, Mead and Company, New York. 1972. 208 pp. \$8.95.

The Shakers and their beautiful, plain furniture have been enjoying a revival of interest for some time now. In this book, the reader can find a clearly drawn history of the sect, and a magnificently illustrated account of their furniture, their arts and crafts, all the artifacts that teach us about this unusual group which was first established near Albany, New York in 1776. I have visited the Shaker Museum at Old Chatham, New York and loved it. *Hands to Work* has collected all the interesting objects together so I can glance through the pages and relive my memories of the Shakers. The reader is bound to enjoy this book, whether for social history or art or curiosity, or all three. • S.M.

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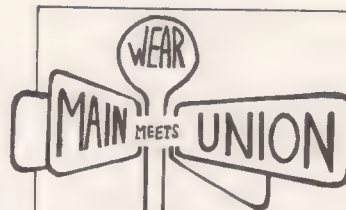
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certainly a slow boat that could not keep up with the "George Washington" with President Wilson aboard. . . . We have 2,800 soldiers aboard, plus 200 officers, three nurses and 12 war brides. . . . Weather wonderful in the Gulf Stream. . . . July 6 (1919) 1200 miles off New York Coast, heavy seas, "Pretoria" making but seven miles an hour. . . . Church services and craps games at the same time. . . . July 10 (1919) 550 miles off New York Coast on start of 11th day at sea, with plenty of sun. . . . English balloon passed over ship today on way to England from America. . . . Received wireless that the staff of "The Stars & Stripes" (of which I was a member) would be met at the port of New York by the New York Mayor's Welcoming Launch.

JULY 12 (1919), Landed in America, Pier 15, Hoboken, N.J. at 5:30 P.M. aboard the "Pretoria." Debarked and after being treated with ice cream and pie, took ferry to Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y., arriving at midnight. . . . Next morning called my sister Vera Roberts and her husband, Dr. Roberts at their home in Brooklyn, and telephoned my mother in Lansdale. . . . Staff of "Stars and Stripes" put through "delouser" and a damn hot bath. . . . July 14 (1919) All slicked up like a race horse and a 12-hour pass in my hand, and headed for Philadelphia where I met my brother Bob and his wife Eleanor and later visited mother and Dan (in the hospital) and did some romancing in Lansdale. . . . July 16 (1919) Back in Camp Mills with 22 men, all that is left of the staff of The Stars & Stripes. . . . Headed for Camp Dix where we turned in equipment and I was finally discharged by Major Bauman, a Lansdale physician station at Dix at that time.

THE SAME diary, July 4, 1919: While 1000 miles at sea aboard the Pretoria, we received the result of the Willard-Dempsey heavyweight championship fight at Toledo, Ohio. This Rambler made enough on that fight, 1000 miles at sea, to buy my first civilian suit of clothes when I arrived in Philadelphia.

YES, I MISSED the 138th annual dinner meeting of the Union Horse Company of Doylestown and Vicinity this year for the first time in 50 years, due to a stay in the hospital, but I understand the dinner headed by my good friend, President and Barn Boss All Cooney, was a 100 percent affair. Hope to be back with you next year. ■



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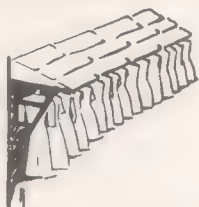


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Hair Today

by Sheila Martin

I didn't pay much attention to the current craze for wigs until a few months ago while at my friendly, neighborhood hairdresser. I was dozing under the hair dryer, a carryover from the medieval torture chamber, when I decided to chat a while with the woman under the dryer next to me.

Opening my eyes, I turned and smiled at my neighbor — a very attractive blond wig. Propped up under the dryer on a white molded head and full of curlers, the wig was a good listener but not too brilliant a conversationalist. However, it made me think. A stand-in for my own hair to be washed and pounded and curled and baked while I went out shopping or enjoyed myself, not bad.

There were some other worth while reasons for considering the purchase of a wig. The main one was the fact that Miss Clairol and I had been an item for some years and I was always faced with covering up the gray hairs right before another "touch-up" (my hair-dresser's delicate way of saying dye job) was due.

Another valid reason for buying a permanently curled wig, (funny how easily reasons come to mind when you really want some luxury or other) was that I had no skill at all in putting up my own hair. I always watched my hairdresser like a hawk as she quickly and effortlessly did my hair; I studied with great care the bewildering little diagrams in women's magazines where cunning curly arrows indicated the directions to set the curls. What resulted from my own untalented tries was unbelievable. I not only could not tease my hair properly; I couldn't even arouse its interest.

So began the great adventure — I started out to buy myself a wig. A large array of colors, styles, and materials confronted me. It seemed like a chance to

Wig Tomorrow

be born again — as a sultry redhead, a sexy blonde, a sophisticated brunette. Only trouble was that as I tried on each beautiful wig, the same old face peered out.

The styles were all terrific and I finally chose a blond shag wig. My own hair is dark brown, oh, all right, dark brown and gray. I wear my hair quite short but I figured what the heck, let people guess how come my hair changed color and grew 4 inches overnight.

I happily walked out of the store, resplendent in my new plumage, and with the most beautiful posture you've ever seen. I was afraid that if I didn't hold my head real straight, the wig would slip off.

As I made my way down the street, I felt very self-conscious. I was sure that everyone was staring at me and probably saying to themselves, "Ha, there goes Sheila wearing a blonde wig." It was reminiscent of the classic inferiority dream in which you find yourself in public in your birthday suit.

Finally, I passed one of my neighbors who kept right on going without recognizing me. Next came a friend who stopped and talked for five minutes before she said enthusiastically, "You look great. Lost some weight, haven't you?"

When I got home, I got an unbiased report on my new look. The family always tells you the truth, right? The baby started to cry, my teenager said, "Ugh", and my eight year old son asked, "When's dinner, Mom?"

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- 10 - 13 BRISTOL — Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center, Bath Rd. will begin their Spring Nature Clubs, 7 p.m. Information call 785-1177.
- 14 NEWTOWN-MIDDLETOWN AREA — League of Women Voters is sponsoring the 2nd consecutive Studio Tour and Craft Demonstrations. 1 - 5 p.m. Maps of tour and tickets at \$2.50 may be obtained in advance from Mrs. Richard Walton, Ellis Rd., Langhorne, or Mrs. James Scherrer, Route 413, George School, Newtown.
- 14 NEWTOWN — Miss Bucks County Pageant will be held at the Council Rock High School Auditorium, off Swamp Road. 8 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, 409 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, Pa. 19030.
- 14 HOLICONG — Bucks County Symphony Orchestra will present its Spring Concert in the Central Bucks East High School, 8:30 p.m. For tickets and information write PO Box 500, Doylestown, Pa. 18901, or tickets may be purchased at the door.
- 18 FALLSINGTON — Fallsington Free Library, 139 Yardley Avenue will present a lecture (one of a series), "An Introduction to Science Fiction", featuring Dr. Robert Reilly, Professor of English, Rider College, 8:30 p.m., followed by a discussion period and refreshments. Free. For information phone 295-4449.
- 21 BRISTOL — Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center, Bath Rd., will conduct an Environmental Work Day. For anyone interested call the Center 785-1177. Scheduled for all day.
- 22 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Easter Sunrise Services — 7:00 a.m. Bowman's Hill, off Route 32, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Council of Churches, open to the public.
- 22 BRISTOL — Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center, Bath Rd., will present Earth Day, with special activities all day.
- 24,25,26 WARRINGTON — Bucks County Antique Dealers Association, Inc., will present their 23rd Annual Doylestown Antiques Show, at the Warrington Country Club, Almshouse Rd. Tues. and Wed. noon to 10 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission, group rates. Lunch and dinner available.
- 26,27,28 WARMINSTER — Independence High School will present the Musical "1776", 8:00 p.m. curtain. Contact the school for tickets.

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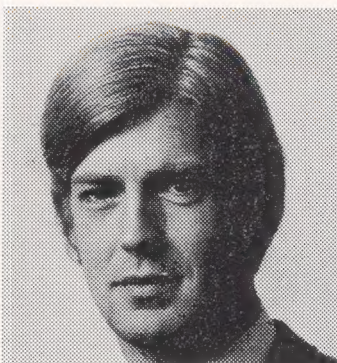
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- 28 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Annual Awards Ceremony, Ann Hawkes Hutton Scholarships Awards. Memorial Bldg., 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Washington Crossing Foundation. No admission.
- 28 ANDALUSIA — House Tour, the three Biddle Houses, including Andalusia 12 to 5 p.m. Rain or shine. Refreshments served, sponsored by the Lower Bucks Hospital Auxiliary. Tickets \$3.50, (\$3.00 if purchased in advance). Tickets and information contact Mrs. Richard Winslow, 2512 Palmer Ave., Bristol, Pa. 19007, 945-5634.
- 28,29 DOYLESTOWN — Annual "A" Day at the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. Route 202. Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 1 - 30 FALLSINGTON — Burges-Lippincott House, Stagecoach Tavern and Williamson House — 18th Century Architecture. Open to public Wed., thru Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission — Children under 12 free if accompanied by an adult.
- 1 - 30 NEW HOPE — New Hope Historical Society will open the Parry Mansion to the public for tours. Wed. thru Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spring and summers hours Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. For further information call 862-2105.
- 1 - 30 DOYLESTOWN — Monthly Art Exhibit by Doyle Elementary School, Courthouse Lobby. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. weekdays only.
- March 31 & Apr. 1 MORRISVILLE — Pennsbury Spring Seminar will present English Porcelain 1750-1850. Reservations are a necessity. You may write to Pennsbury Manor, Morrisville, Pa. 19067 or call 946-0400 for details and reservations.
- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson-Neely House furnished with pre-Revolutionary pieces, Route 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Old Ferry Inn, Route 532 at the bridge. Restored Revolutionary furniture, gift and snack shop where Washington Punch is sold. Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission 50 cents, includes a visit to the Thompson-Neely House.
- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Taylor House, built in 1812 by Mahlon K. Taylor, now serves as headquarters for the Washington Crossing Park Commission. Open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.
- 1 - 30 MORRISVILLE — Pennsbury Manor, the re-created Country Estate of William Penn. Original Manor House was built in 1683. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission 50 cents.
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